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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REPLY TO CHANCELLOR'S CONGRATULATORY
MESSAGE ON VIKING ONE

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD
TO CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT: BEGIN TEXT.

DEAR MR. CHANCELLOR:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES ON THE
SUCCESS OF THE VIKING MISSION. WE HOPE THAT THE
EXPLORATION OF MARS AND THE SEARCH FOR LIFE ON THAT
MYSTERIOUS PLANET WILL ALSO IMPROVE OUR UNDERSTANDING
OF OUR OWN PLANET AND WILL PROMOTE COOPERATION AMONG
ALL PEOPLES ON EARTH.

LET ME ALSO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY AGAIN HOW PLEASED
WE WERE TO WELCOME YOU AND MRS. SCHMIDT TO WASHINGTON
DURING OUR BICENTENNIAL YEAR. OUR VERY PRODUCTIVE
DISCUSSIONS REAFFIRMED THE VALUE OF OUR CONSULTATIONS AND
THE STRENGTH OF OUR COOPERATION ON IMPORTANT ISSUES.

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MRS. FORD AND I VERY MUCH APPRECIATED YOUR HOSPITALITY
ABOARD THE GORCH FOCK. WE THOROUGHLY ENJOYED HAVING THE
OPPORTUNITY TO BOARD A SHIP OF SUCH BEAUTY AND GRACE.
YOU WERE INDEED THOUGHTFUL TO PRESENT THE BEAUTIFULLY-
BOUND ALBUM OF COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS. IT IS A SPLENDID
ADDITION TO MY COLLECTION.

SINCERELY,

GERALD R. FORD.

END TEXT.

2. TEXT OF CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE, CABLED FROM SAN
FRANCISCO ON JULY 20: QUOTE:

MR. PRESIDENT:

ON BEHALF OF THE GERMAN PEOPLE AND OF MYSELF I WOULD LIKE
TO EXPRESS TO YOU THE MOST SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS ON THE
OCCASION OF THE SUCCESSFUL LANDING OF A MAN-MADE SPACE-
CRAFT ON MARS. THE LANDING OF VIKING ONE AND ITS
FLAWLESS FUNCTIONING ON THE SURFACE OF THIS FAR AWAY
PLANET SHOWS ONCE AGAIN THE UNBROKEN PIONEERING SPIRIT
OF THE AMERICAN NATION IN THE 200TH YEAR OF ITS
INDEPENDENCE.

HELMUT SCHMIDT FEDERAL CHANCELLOR OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC
OF GERMANY.

END TEXT.

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE TEXT OF
MESSAGES BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE'S
DOING SO. HABIB

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